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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE ANTI-US PRESS CONFERENCE BY CAMBODIAN REPATRIATES IN US

1. USG IS FUNDING CONTRACT UNHCR HAS HAD WITH AMERICAN COUNCIL OF NATIONALITIES SERVICES (ACNS) SINCE DECEMBER TO MAINTAIN 114 WOULD-BE CAMPODIAN REPATRIATES IN "HALF-WAY HOUSE" IN PHILADELPHIA, PENDING CAMBODIAN GOVT AGREEMENT TO THEIR REPATRIATION. ACNS NOW REPORTS THAT REPATRIATES PLAN TO HOLD PRESS CONFERENCE ATTACKING USG FOR BREAKING ITS PROMISES TO THEM, I. E. NOT NEGOTIATING WITH CAMBODIAN GOVERNMENT FOR THEIR REPATRIATION.

2. IN FACT, UNHCR HAS TALKED WITH CAMPODIAN REPS AT UN
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AND IN OTHER CAPITALS ABOUT REPATRIATION. MOREOVER, RE-

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PATRIATE REPS THEMSELVES TALKED DIRECTLY WITH CAMBODIAN
UN DELEGATION LAST FALL. CAMBODIAN OFFICIALS RESPONDED
THAT EVENTUALLY CAMBODIANS WISHING TO RETURN WILL BE
ALLOWED BACK BUT NOT NOW BECAUSE OF UNSETTLED CONDITIONS
AT HOME. US POSITION IS THAT IT IS RESPONSIBILITY OF
UNHCR UNDER ITS CHARTER TO ARRANGE FOR REPATRIATION.

3. WE PLAN MEET JAN 19 IN NEW YORK WITH ACNS AND UNHCR
REPS TO DISCUSS REPATRIATES AND, IF NECESSARY, URGE
UNHCR SEND REP TO PHILADELPHIA TO CALM REPATRIATES. ACNS

AND WE HAVE ALREADY TALKED WITH UNHCR REP IN NEW YORK;

4. ABOVE IS FYI AT THIS TIME. KISSINGER

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